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Subject: Headboat IFQ
Date: Friday, April 26, 2013 6:07:25 PM

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: Dear NOAA:

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I urge the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to quickly approve this EFP.

From: [form](#) [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: 0648-XC528.Headboat.IFQ.EFP@noaa.gov
Subject: Headboat IFQ
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2013 11:37:21 PM

First Name: Philip
Last Name: Stephens
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Email Address: [REDACTED]
: Dear NOAA:

As a Gulf Of Mexico resident and long time fisherman of the Gulf of Mexico, I support the Gulf Headboat Cooperative's application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP). Recreational fishing regulations for red snapper and gag grouper aren't working in the Gulf of Mexico. Fishermen and for-hire captains need new options and more flexibility. The EFP will authorize a pilot program to test whether there is a better way to conserve fish while increasing access for fishermen.

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I support efforts to conserve the fishery, however current regulations are bad for the community, bad for the fishery and have a negative impact on the Gulf Coast economy. Current regulations say that Red Snapper and other Reef fishes species have not recovered to an adequate level. Well, what is that level? If you went fishing today, you cannot catch anything but Red Snapper. These regulations are bad for the fish themselves as the more you try to protect and "recover" the species, the more harm comes to them. More and More Red Snapper are in the Gulf Of Mexico, keep current limits, but allow the EFP program to become a reality.

I urge the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to quickly approve this EFP.

Sincerely,
Philip R. Stephens
[REDACTED], Tx.
[REDACTED]

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To: 0648-XC528.Headboat.IFQ.EFP@noaa.gov
Subject: Headboat IFQ
Date: Sunday, April 21, 2013 8:33:11 AM

First Name: Thomas
Last Name: Walker
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: Dear NOAA:

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From: [form](#) [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: 0648-XC528.Headboat.IFQ.EFP@noaa.gov
Subject: Headboat IFQ
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 5:56:03 PM

First Name: michael
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State: Florida
Zip Code: 32621
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: Dear NOAA:

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i fully understand that this is just window dressing and that elements in control of the government at this level are making a concerted effort to destroy recreational fishing,radically curtail and gain total control of commercial fishing and,likewise,destroy recreational hunting. the obvious nature of the use of red snapper restrictions,both here in fl and more so in louisiana are laughable in their transparent goal of destroying an activity that the radical,collectivist,university brainwashed individuals in government find inconsistent with their "progressive" anti capitalist and anti liberty agenda. to site the most well know examples of this manipulation of power would be a waste of bandwidth. the people forcing the above mentioned agenda are well aware of the facts. they have the power to abuse individual citizens in this and many other ways.

From: [Environmental Defense Action Fund](#) on behalf of [James Ripley](#)
To: 0648-XC528.Headboat.IFQ.EFP@noaa.gov
Subject: Headboat IFQ: Please support the Gulf Headboat Cooperative's Request for an Exempted Fishing Permit
Date: Thursday, May 02, 2013 2:32:50 PM

May 2, 2013

Headboat IFQ NOAA

Dear NOAA,

I am writing today to request that you approve the Exempted Fishing Permit application of the "Gulf Headboat Cooperative" to engage in a voluntary two-year pilot program for up to 20 vessels to test an allocation-based system to save fish and provide better opportunities for anglers and their families.

The Gulf Headboat Cooperative's pilot program provides an opportunity to fish for red snapper and gag grouper under safe catch limits, to accurately report catch to fishery managers and scientists, to reduce waste caused by regulations, and to use their limit of fish in a way that is best for business and the environment.

It seems to me that a real time reporting of catches is a much better way of keeping on top of the fish populations than what we have now.

I would ask that this proposition be given careful consideration, and if it is not acceptable, that you give an in depth reason of why it is not acceptable and perhaps an alternative suggestion. I don't think that just retaining the status quo is the way to go at all.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Ripley

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